

An important update on your cruise, and where you will sail instead

The trip departs on 9 October as booked, with your guided tour of Koblenz and your morning in Rüdesheim still part of the holiday. Two things change. The Rhine route is not running, so your week will be spent on the Moselle, joining and leaving your ship at Güls rather than Cologne; and you will sail on the MS Emily Brontë rather than the Oscar Wilde.

THE RIVER, AND WHY WE HAVE CHANGED YOUR ITINERARY

You begin at Güls, a quiet mooring on the Moselle a few minutes above the Deutsches Eck, where the Moselle runs into the Rhine beneath the Ehrenbreitstein fortress. From Koblenz the ship turns up the Moselle between the vineyard terraces: Cochem beneath its hilltop Reichsburg, Bernkastel's cobbled streets and half timbered houses, then a full day at Trier and over the border into Luxembourg. A tasting of local wines at Traben-Trarbach follows, and you finish with a morning in Rüdesheim.

The Rhine is running too low this month for the route you booked. The Moselle is a different proposition: it is a lock controlled river, its level held by dams and locks rather than left to the weather, so it holds up far better in a dry spell. That is why we have built your week around it. Our river cruise partner's nautical team and our own in house team read the gauges daily, judging what they mean for your ship rather than the river in general; levels can move either way, and we will tell you promptly if anything alters.

YOUR SHIP FOR THE WEEK

You will sail on the MS Emily Brontë rather than the MS Oscar Wilde. She is the same five star standard, with the same dining, the same all inclusive drinks and the same care from your Cruise Director and Cruise Host. We will aim to book the same cabin standard, if this is unavailable, we will call you to discuss your options.

YOUR ITINERARY, DAY BY DAY

Coaching times and the night's mooring are shown for every day. Most of the coaching is our usual excursion programme; the ship moors in the heart of the Moselle towns, so those guided tours need no coach at all.

Day 1	Embark at Güls, on the Moselle just above Koblenz, rather than at Cologne. Flights as booked, then a coach to the ship. Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf Port: Güls Embark on the MS Emily Bronte. Still a 5 star ship with the all inclusive package. NOTE – This is no longer a dedicated solo holiday.
Day 2	Morning: Explore Rüdesheim and its charm, before returning to the ship for lunch. Afternoon: Enjoy a guided tour of Koblenz, with the option to ride the cable car across the Rhine to mighty Ehrenbreitstein Fortress for panoramic views over the city and rivers. Coaching: 1hr 20mins to Rudesheim, shuttles to Koblenz 20mins Port: Güls
Day 3	Morning: Free time to explore Güls or Koblenz at your own pace Afternoon: Enjoy scenic sailing to Cochem Coaching: Short transfer into Koblenz Port: Cochem
Day 4	Morning: Enjoy a guided tour of Cochem, a charming Moselle wine town of half-timbered houses, winding lanes and the hilltop Reichsburg Castle. Afternoon: Free time to explore at your own pace Coaching: None Port: Bernkastel

Day 5	Morning: Enjoy a guided tour of Bernkastel, a beautiful medieval wine town of cobbled streets, half-timbered houses and vineyard-covered hills. Afternoon: Free time to explore at your own pace Coaching: None Port: Trier-Hafen
Day 6	Full day: Explore Luxembourg's dramatic old town and fortress on a guided tour, enjoy lunch at leisure, then return to the ship for an evening of relaxation. Half day: or explore Luxembourg before enjoying free time to wander Trier at your own pace. Coaching: 30 min Trier and 1hr 20mins Luxembourg Port: Traben Trabach
Day 7	Morning: Enjoy a relaxed/late morning tasting of local wines, discovering the flavours, stories and winemaking traditions that give this region its character. Afternoon: we sail onwards to Guls. Coaching: 20mins to the winery. Port: Guls
Day 8	Disembark at Güls rather than Cologne, then the coach to the airport. Coaching: 1hr 45 mins from Cologne, 2hrs 30mins from Dusseldorf

Your flights are as booked. You join and leave the ship at Güls, just above Koblenz, and we will take you there by coach.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS UP TO YOU

We would love you to travel with us, and if you do there is something extra by way of apology.

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YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER

Your Cruise Director, Cruise Host and crew will be with you throughout, just as planned, and everything you enjoy on board remains unchanged. Once onboard you'll experience exceptional dining, all-inclusive drinks, local entertainment and immersive experiences all continuing as part of your holiday. The itinerary may be slightly different, but the Riviera experience on board is very much the same.

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